GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Scholarships for School Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has introduced various scholarships for the students in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year and scholarship-wise;
(b) the number of students applied for scholarship and amount released by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
(c) whether the Government is aware that several students are not receiving scholarships in time particularly the students from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ Other Backward Classes and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure timely action in this regard; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to transfer scholarship amount directly into the beneficiary account and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy is administering two scholarship schemes viz. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE).
(b) The sanctioned amount for NMMSS and NSIGSE along with number of beneficiaries during last three years is given at Annexure I and II respectively.
(c) Sanctioning of pending scholarships pertaining to previous academic years under NMMSS and NSIGSE, belonging to General Category as well as from Schedule Castes/ Schedule Tribes, is under process.
(d) The requisition for additional funds for payment of pending scholarships has been made in Second Batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants 2016-17.
(e) Since inception of these schemes, the scholarship amount is being transferred directly into the beneficiary students'bank accounts.